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JOHN MOON ET AL : Group No.: 2872

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**Title: Method and Apparatus for Labeling Using Diffraction Grating-based  
Encoded Optical Identification Elements**

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: